

In the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of acquiring vehicle data from a vehicle data bus, comprising:

- executing a telematics application on a local telematics unit, the telematics application including requests for vehicle parameter data;

- retrieving, responsive to the requests for vehicle parameter data from the ~~telematics application program~~, vehicle data bus information from a database that stores data bus information for a plurality of different types of data busses, the retrieved vehicle data bus information being associated with the type of data bus used on the vehicle on which the telematics application is executed;

- extracting vehicle data from the vehicle data bus using the vehicle data bus information retrieved from the database, the vehicle data corresponding to the requests for vehicle parameter data;

- interpreting the retrieved vehicle data; and

- providing the interpreted data to the telematics application to satisfy the request for vehicle data.

Claim 2 (Original): A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of retrieving comprises:

- establishing a wireless link to a remote server;

- accessing a vehicle database with the remote server; and

- downloading vehicle data bus information to the local vehicle library from the remote database.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): A method according to claim 2 wherein the step of using further comprises passing the vehicle data bus information to a protocol driver.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1 wherein:

- the telematics application comprises a vehicle diagnostics application program.

Claims 5-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously presented): A method of acquiring vehicle data from any of a plurality of different vehicle makes, comprising:

- executing a telematics application on a local telematics unit operatively connected to a vehicle;

- requesting vehicle parameter data by the telematics application;

- accessing, responsive to the step of requesting vehicle parameter data, a database that stores data bus information for a plurality of different vehicle makes;

- querying the database to retrieve data bus information for a particular vehicle make that corresponds to the vehicle; and

- extracting vehicle data from a vehicle data bus using the vehicle data bus information.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the step of extracting comprises passing the data bus information to a protocol driver.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the telematics application includes a plurality of requests for vehicle parameter data, the method comprising, for each request,

- accessing, responsive to the step of requesting vehicle parameter data, the database that stores data bus information for a plurality of different vehicle makes;

- querying the database to retrieve data bus information for a particular vehicle make; and

- extracting vehicle data from a vehicle data bus using the vehicle data bus information.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the step of accessing comprises establishing a wireless link to a remote server operatively connected to the vehicle database.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the local telematics unit employs an open standard services delivery platform.